

Types of Child Care in the Central Okanagan

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Types of Child Care:

There are two types of child care in BC, Licensed and License-Not-Required (LNR) Child Care, below are two charts that explain the different types of care you can choose from.

Licensed Child Care: Licensed child care programs provide care for three or more children. They must meet specific requirements for health and safety, staffing qualifications, space and equipment, staff to child ratio and program standards. Licensed child care programs are monitored and inspected by regional health authority Community Care Facility Licensing programs.

Licensed Child Care:	
TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Family Child Care (FCC)	Offered in the child care providers own home and serves a maximum of 7 children from birth to age 12.
Group Child Care (GCC)	a) Serves children from birth to 36 months (infant/toddler program). b) And children 30 months to school entry (3-5 year old program).
Group Child Care (School Age/ Out-of-School Care) (GCC)	Serves school age children, including kindergarten, who require care outside normal school hours.
In-Home Multi-Age Child Care	Offered in the child care providers own home and serves a maximum of 8 children from birth to age 12.
Multi-Age Child Care (MA)	Similar to Group Child Care but serves children from birth to age 12.
Occasional Child Care	Available for children who are at least 18 months old and for part-time or occasional care only. Care is for a maximum of 8 hours a day and no more than 40 hours per calendar month.
Preschools	Serves children from 30 months to school entry. Preschools are part-day programs, typically operating during the school year, September to June.

Licence-Not-Required Child Care: Unlicensed (licence-not-required) child care providers may care for only two children or a sibling group not related to them at any one time. If they care for more than the allowed number of children outlined in the Community Care and Assisted Living Act, they may be operating illegally.

License-Not-Required Child Care:	
TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Registered License-Not-Required Care (RLNR)	Providers are registered with a Child Care Resource and Referral Centre. The registration process includes criminal record checks, references, a home-seeking review and first aid. Registered care providers have access to support, training, resources and group liability insurance. Families are eligible for a higher subsidy rate if they use a RLNR.
License-Not-Required Care (LNR)	Providers are not required to meet any standards for health or safety. LNR providers are not monitored or inspected. Parents and guardians are responsible for overseeing the care of their child in these arrangements.
In-Own-Home Care (Nanny)	Parents arrange for someone to look after their child in their own home. Parents choose how to screen and hire the provider which will be considered an employee. Choosing this option means that parents are responsible for: · Making regular payments to Employment Insurance and Canada Pension Plan. · Registering the employment situation with Revenue Canada and WorkSafeBC.

Information compiled from Government of BC website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care/licensed-unlicensed-child-care>

Once you've chosen your type of child care, we encourage you to visit the home or centre and bring the Child Care Checklist with you. For a copy of the Child Care Checklist visit our website at OkanaganFamilyMagazine.ca and look under resources.